



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION RELATING TO STANDARDIZATION BETWEEN KOREAN AGENCY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND

# ETHIOPIAN STANDARDS AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

Korean Agency for Technology and Standards (KATS) of the Republic of Korea and Ethiopian Standards Agency (ESA) of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides"),

Acknowledging the importance and contribution of standardization to quality improvement, production efficacy and commercial exchange; and the role played by both the Sides in their respective domestic economies,

Desiring to promote mutual interests through cooperation in the areas of standardization on the basis of equality and mutual benefit,

Recognizing that such cooperation will promote economic cooperation and support the cordial relationship between the Sides,

Have reached the following understanding:

### Paragraph 1 Objectives

The Sides will support cooperation in the areas of standardization on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the respective laws and regulations of the two countries. This MOU is not intended to create any legal obligations under international law.







#### Paragraph 2 Collaborative Activities

The cooperation may include, in particular, the following forms:

- a) Exchange of technical data, periodicals, information and experience.
- b) Cooperation programs and projects of mutual benefit including short and long term visits and exchange of experts and technical personnel, if necessary.
- c) Organization of and participation in conferences, symposia, workshops, exhibitions and other relevant activities of mutual interest.
- d) Mutual cooperation in projects and activities to be conducted under regional and international standardization bodies.
- e) Operation of joint training/education programs to enhance competence in standardization.
- f) Other forms of cooperation to be mutually decided on by respective Sides.

### Paragraph 3 Funding

Each Side will cover the expenses incurred in connection with the cooperative activities under this MOU in accordance with the terms mutually decided upon by the Sides and subject to budgetary availability of the two countries.

#### Paragraph 4 Confidentiality

Any information derived from cooperative activities under this MOU should not be unilaterally disclosed for commercial or industrial purposes without the written consent of the Sides.





#### Paragraph 5 Additional Arrangements

The provisions of this MOU, if necessary will be specified in details by the additional Arrangements and (or) the minutes signed by the Sides.

## Paragraph 6 Dispute Settlement

The disputes connected with interpretation and implementation of this MOU will be settled by mutual consultations and negotiations on various levels.

#### Paragraph 7 Duration

- a) This MOU will remain in force for three (3) years and come into effect from the date of its signature.
- b) This MOU will be signed in triplicate, in English, Amharic and Korean languages, all texts being are equally valid, all as originals, which will be signed by the Sides, and a copy delivered to each one of them.
- c) In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.

#### Paragraph 8 Amendments

The provisions of this MOU may be amended or varied, as the Sides will consent. The processes of amendment will commence by a proposal in writing by one Side and acceptance by the other or in the absence of such acceptance by negotiation.





#### Paragraph 9 Termination

- a) Either Side may terminate this MOU by giving the other at least six months written notice of the intention to terminate.
- b) The termination of this MOU will not affect the validity or duration of projects under this MOU that were initiated prior to such termination.

Signed in triplicate, in Addis Ababa, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016.

FOR THE KOREAN AGENCY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND STANDARDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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